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AFDROUGHT

EO 11652: NA
SUBJ: SOY FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS

REF: ABIDJAN 9345

1. RFFPO/DAKAR AND FFPO ROUSSEL AGREE THAT NO FIGURE
ON CONSUMPTION RATE OF SFSG IN MALI EXIST, BUT RFFPO/DAKAR
HAS POINTED OUT THAT COMMODITY HAS BEEN USED EXTENSIVELY IN
CAMPS THROUGHOUT THE SIXTH REGION, WITH VERY ENCOURAGING
RESULTS.

2. 249 MT SFSG CONSTITUTED FIRST DELIVERY COMMODITY TO KAYES/
BAMAKO LATE LAST YEAR. INITIAL GOM EFFORT AT SURFACE
DELIVERY PROVED ABORTIVE, AND COMMODITY WAS ULTIMATELY AIR-LIFTED
DURING MAR/APR BY WEST GERMAN AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT TO AT-
RISK POPULATIONS IN GAO AND GOUVDANMM

3. DURING DAKAR VISIT NOV 73, CRS MEDICAL DIR. CAPONE
OPINED SFSG IDEAL FOR COLLECTIVE/CAMP FEEDING DUE TO ITS EASE OF
PREPARATION, RICE-LIKE CONSISTENCY, ATTRACTIVE TASTE, AND
ACKNOWLEDGED NUTRITIVE PROPERTIES. SUBSEQUENT SIXTH REGION
TRAVEL BY RFFPO CONFIRMED ACCURACY THIS ASSESSMENT.

4. SFSG CAN, OF COURSE, BE STORED AT DAKAR. HOWEVER, RFFPO
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ADVISES AGAINST THIS, GIVEN USEFULNESS OF COMMODITY, AND

ITS OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES FROM NUTRITIONAL STANDPOINT OVER SORGHUM.
ROUSSEL AGREES THAT SIXTH REGION IS WHERE SFSG HAS ITS MOST OBVIOUS
AND IMMEDIATE APPLICATIONS, BUT WISHES TO CONSULT WITH GOM ON
STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION CAPACITIES BEFORE ADVISING ON DISPATCH
OF COMMODITY.

5. ASSUME STATE 252191, NOT RECVD HERE, REFERS TO DELTA
URUGUAY SHIPMENT WHOSE DIVERSION NOUAKCHOTT REQUESTED, BUT
WHICH ARRIVED DAKAR YESTERDAY AND IS CURRENTLY UNLOADING.

6. HOLDING CARGO MEANTIME PENDING (A) RECEIPT OF FFPO ROUSSEL'S
FINDINGS, AND (B) INSTRUCTIONS FROM AID/W ON ULTIMATE DISPOSITIONS
TO BE TAKEN.

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